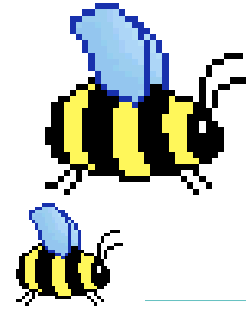




Mrs. Jones' Third Grade WEEKLY BUZZ



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Spelling

We started Unit 29 in our Spelling books on Monday. These are contractions! On Monday, we completed pgs. 176–178 in our spelling books for extra practice. We will also write our spelling words 3 times each in cursive, in ABC Order, in JUICY sentences, scrambled, in a crossword puzzle, in secret code, with place value blocks, on a keyboard, and we will play spelling bingo for extra practice. Finally, we will add “perimeter and area spelling” to our list for word work. On Thursday, March 14th, we will have spelling test #26 on Unit 29 words. This will be in cursive.

Spelling Words

Unit 29

- 1) he's
- 2) what's
- 3) don't
- 4) I'm
- 5) that's
- 6) doesn't
- 7) there's
- 8) she's
- 9) isn't
- 10) I'll
- 11) won't
- 12) here's
- 13) didn't
- 14) who's
- 15) can't



Bonus Words

- 16) couldn't
- 17) they're
- 18) they've
- 19) weren't
- 20) we're

Reading

This week's story is titled, “A Storm in the Night.” It is about a young boy and his grandfather and the stories that take place when a storm makes them lose power throughout the night. Too early to go to bed, and with only flashes of lightning to see by, Thomas and his grandfather happily find themselves rediscovering the half-forgotten scents and sounds of their world, and having a wonderful time learning important, new things about each other in a spirited conversation sparked by darkness. I hope you enjoy reading this incredibly descriptive story with your child! :D

Announcements

- ✓ Reading Test
Friday
- ✓ Spelling Test
Thursday
- ✓ Zoo Field Trip
April 24th We welcome all families to attend. (\$5 per person) We go rain or shine!!!



Weekly Specials Rotation for March 11—15, 2013
M(Art) Tu (Music) W(Library) Th(Compu Lab) F(P.E)

In other buzz-worthy news:



Cursive Writing:

We have begun our “Cool Cursive Club!” So far, we have 8 students with their cursive licenses! Best Wishes!

We will also begin cursive poetry this week. Very soon, all of our work will be in cursive!

Social Studies / Science

We completed our science unit on classification/

ecosystems last week. We have switched over to Social Studies for local/state/federal government. This is a very engaging unit where we create a city council in our classroom, plan city budgets, and create our very own classroom city. Additionally, we will discuss the three branches of government and briefly touch on each branch's powers/duties. We are very

excited to have a visit from a council member—and possibly a mayor!

Math:

We will revisit multiplication and begin division, followed by fractions. Please be ready for our multiplication fact program called, SHOOT FOR THE MOON! It will begin March 15th. I will send more information home soon.

English/Writing:

We will restart unit 6—traits of good writers. We will also break into writer's workshop groups, practice cursive, and develop expository and persuasive writing.

We will also discuss the MYSTERY GENRE with a very special “Mystery Detectives Unit,” complete with spy glasses, hats, and special case files. This is always so much fun!

